



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1746

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Masaaki NANAUMI et al

Examiner: J. Crepeau

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For: ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE/ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY OF SOLID
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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January 5, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 4, 2003, the time period for response having been extended from December 4, 2003 until January 4, 2004 (January 4, 2004 having fallen on a Sunday) with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks that follow.